

Having thus described the invention, it is claimed:

1. In a brush for cleaning surgical, medical and veterinary instruments comprising:

a length of flexible stainless steel wire formed into a first helical segment, a central loop segment and a second helical segment; a multiplicity of bristles; and, said first helical segment and said second helical segment tightly engaging one another forming a double helix having a length and capturing said bristles between said first helical segment and said second helical segment over at least a portion of said double helix length remote from said loop segment: the improvement comprising said bristles being antibacterial.

2. The improved brush of claim 1 wherein said bristles are antimicrobial.

3. The improved brush of claim 2 wherein said bristles are nylon based filaments containing an antimicrobial agent containing silver, zinc, and glass.

4. The improved brush of claim 3 wherein said brush prevents growth of certain bacteria, mold and yeast on said bristles.

5. In a brush for cleaning surgical, medical and veterinary instruments comprising:

at least one length of flexible stainless steel wire formed into a first helical segment and a second helical segment; a multiplicity of bristles; and, said first helical segment and said second helical segment tightly engaging one another forming a double helix having a length and capturing said bristles between said first helical segment and said second helical

segment over at least a portion of said double helix length: the improvement comprising said bristles being antibacterial.

6. The improved brush of claim 5 wherein said bristles are antimicrobial.

7. The improved brush of claim 6 wherein said bristles are nylon based filaments containing an antimicrobial agent containing silver, zinc, and glass.

8. The improved brush of claim 7 wherein said brush prevents growth of certain bacteria, mold and yeast on said bristles.